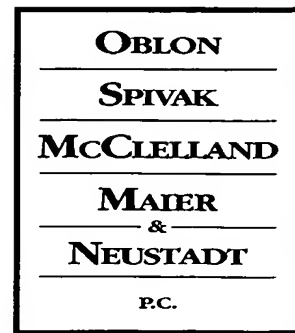


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CONTAINING IT  
Group Art Unit: 1654  
Examiner: Flood, M. C.

SIR:

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**Response under 37 CFR 1.312**

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SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Amendment contains a minor error, which renders Claim 22, as so amended, grammatically incorrect. As so amended, Claim 22 reads as follows:

The method of claim 13, wherein the freezing is at a freezing temperature is not higher than the ice point, and the thawing is at a thawing temperature is not lower than the ice point.

However, Claim 22 should have been amended to read as follows:

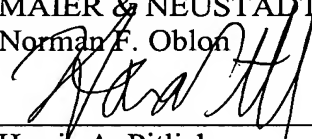
The method of claim 13, wherein the freezing is at a freezing temperature is not higher than the ice point, and the thawing is at a thawing temperature is not lower than the ice point.

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In other words, the word "is" should have been (twice) deleted as shown. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the above correction by supplemental Examiner's Amendment.

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